Export of Frog-legs

*223. SHRI D. HEERACHAND: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of frog-legs exported during the years 1983, 1984, 1985 and so far during 1986 and the value thereof;

(b) whether any representation against its export has been received by Government recently; if so, what action has been taken thereon; and

(c) if no action has been taken, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) The quantity and value of frog-legs exported during the last three calendar years were:

Year	Quantity (in tonnes)	Value (Rs. lakhs)
1983	1871	495·90
1984	2834	795·27
1985	1785	636·53

(b) and (c) Representations were received during the last year against export of frog-legs. The policy regarding the export of frog-legs was reviewed. The various conservation measures taken by the Government to maintain ecological balance includes restricting such exports by putting a ceiling and banning on such exports during the breeding season of frogs.

Amendment of Import and Export Policy

*231. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:
SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Import-Export Policy for April, 1985—March, 1988 was amended several times since it was issued in April, 1985;

(b) if so, the number of times it was amended during 1985 and till 31st January, 1986;

(c) what are the details of the amendments made during the above period; and

(d) what are the reasons for making so many amendments in the Policy within such a short period?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) In the Import & Export Policy, 1985-88, announced on 12th March, 1985, 22 ITC Public Notices and 15 ETC Public Notices, containing significant amendments, have been issued till 31st January, 1986.

(c) Amendments in the Policy are made by means of Public Notices, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

(d) The amendments have been carried out in public interest.

Raid at the residence of a Bombay Jweller

*232. SHRI BISWA GOSWAMI:
SHRI M. S. GURUPADASAWMY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Income Tax Department officials raided the premises of Shri Bansilal Zhaveri, a jeweller of Bombay on the 14th January, 1986;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what action has been taken against him?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Income-tax Department conducted searches in the cases of Shri Bansilal Zaveri and his associates at Bombay on 14-1-1986 and 15-1-1986. The searches have resulted, so far, in seizure of *prica facie* unaccounted assets worth Rs. 125.78 lakhs approximately.

Necessary action under various provisions of Direct Taxes Acts has been initiated.